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SUBJ: COMMUNIST PARTY/STATE MESSAGES TO PEKING

REF: (A) HONG KONG 11075 (NOTAL), (B) ROME 15366 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT NCNA AND/OR
PEOPLE'S DAILY PRINTED STATE-TO-STATE CONDOLENCE MESSAGES
ON MAO'S DEATH FROM THE USSR, MONGOLIA AND EAST EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES (REF A, PARA 9). THE ONLY SOVIET MESSAGE WE
HAVE NOTED IN PUBLIC MEDIA WAS THE UNSIGNED PARTY MESSAGE
WHICH THE CHINESE REJECTED, AND SO FAR AS WE ARE AWARE
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ONLY THE HUNGARIANS (OF THOSE IN THE SOVIET STABLE) SENT

A STATE MESSAGE WHICH WAS NOT REJECTED.

2. ON THE WEST EUROPEAN PARTY MESSAGES, A QUESTION WAS RAISED IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES HERE ABOUT THE MECHANICS OF THE CHINESE REJECTION. ITALIAN COUNSELOR MIGLIORINI SAID THAT THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN PEKING HAD REPORTED THAT THE PCI MESSAGE WAS NOT PUBLISHED BUT WAS NOT REJECTED. MIGLIORINI SAID THAT A MESSAGE FROM A PRO-PEKING SPLINTER GROUP HAD BEEN PUBLISHED. BERLINGUER'S STRONG DENUNCIATION OF THE CHINESE (REF B), IMPLIES THAT HE THINKS THE PCI MESSAGE WAS REJECTED, BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION ON MIGLIORINI'S QUESTION. MATLOCK

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